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Title:

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, COMPENSATOR LAYER AND

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A RETARDATION FOIL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an original and two copies of a Reply Brief in the above-identified patent application.

Responsive to the Examiner's Answer dated January 30, 2001, the Applicants would like to make the following comments under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1. 193(5):

## REMARKS

In regard to the statement on page 1 of the Examiner's answer indicating that the Appeal Brief does not contain a statement concerning related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal, Applicants wish to point out that such a statement is present in pages 1 and 2 of the Appeal Brief.